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Subject: Fw: Donlin Presentation for Agency Scoping Meeting (TODAY 1-5 PM AK TIME)
Attachments: Donlin_Agency Scoping Meeting_130206.pdf

Greetings Everyone!

Please find attached the "Donlin 101" presentation for the Cooperating Agency Meeting today starting at 1 pm AK Time (2 pm Seattle Time).

Location: Conference Room
Anchorage District Office BLM
4700 BLM Road (Campbell Tract)

Teleconference Access: (b) (6)
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Purpose:
The meeting is an early exercise in identifying issues with particular emphasis on the permitting and consultation authorities of the cooperating agencies. Agencies are requested to consult the attached Table 7-3: Permits and Authorizations, prepared by Donlin Gold. Please review and identify any additional authorizations and permits that are relevant. Please prepare with the agency resource specialists a list of issues to be analyzed in the EIS, as they flow from the agencies permitting and consultation responsibilities.

Agenda:
- 1 pm – 2 pm: "Donlin 101" – a detailed presentation regarding the project by Donlin Gold
- 2 – 5 pm: Agency Issues, concerns, and information sources for the EIS
  (10 minutes per agency. The moderator will call for breaks as appropriate.)
  - Corps
  - BLM
  - EPA
  - FWS
  - Discussion regarding federal agency issues
  - ADNR
  - ADEC
  - ADFG
  - Other State Offices (SPCO, DHSS)
  - Discussion regarding state agency issues
  - Village of Crooked Creek
  - Native Village of Chuathbaluk
  - Native Village of Napaimute
  - Kuskokwim River Watershed Council
  - Discussion regarding tribal and regional cooperator issues

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

(See attached file: Donlin_Agency Scoping Meeting_130206.pdf)

DONLIN GOLD
Project Overview

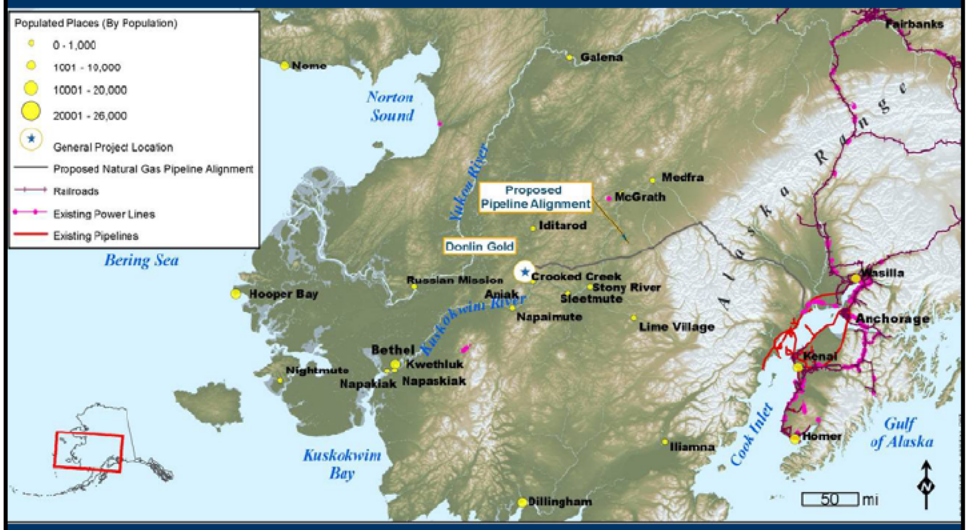
EIS Cooperating Agency Scoping Meeting

BLM Anchorage Field Office
February 6, 2013

Agenda

- Introduction
- Project Summary
- Geology & Mining
- Mill/Process
- Water Management
- Logistics & Infrastructure
- Reclamation & Closure
- Community Engagement

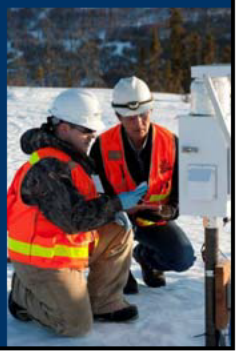
Location



Donlin Camp

Donlin Gold

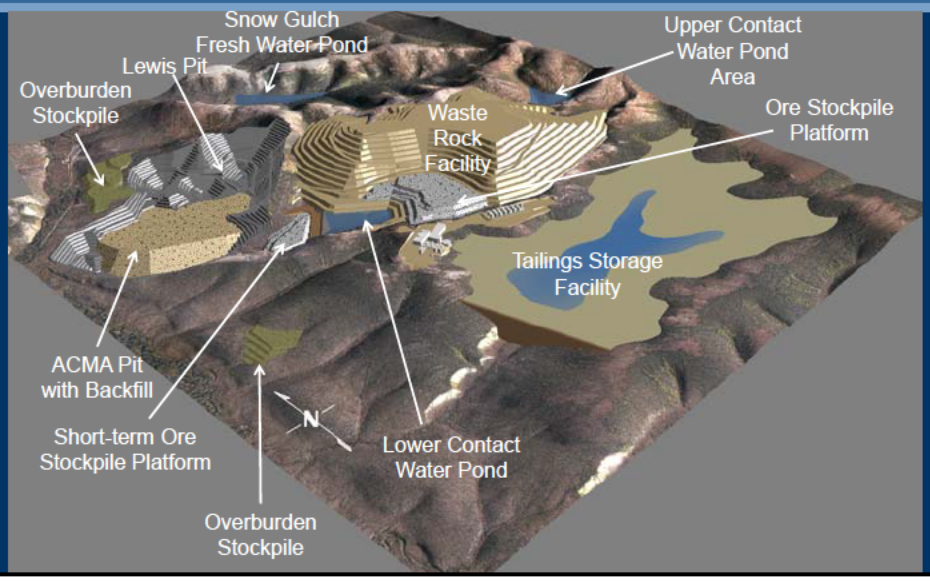
- Donlin Gold LLC is 50/50 partnership
  - Barrick Gold US
  - NovaGold Resources
- Operates under land agreements w/ ANCSA landowners
  - Calista Corporation (Mining Lease)
  - The Kuskokwim Corporation (Surface Use)
- Project office located in Anchorage
  - ~40 employees



Project Summary

- Reserve: > 33 million ounces Au (~500M tons ore)
- Mine Life: ~27 years
- Production: >1 million ounces annually
- Operation: Open-pit, conventional truck & shovel
- Milling: 59k st/d, sulfide flotation, Pressure Oxidation, Carbon-in-Leach (CIL) recovery
- Strip ratio: ~5.5:1 = ~3B tons waste rock
- Tailings: Fully lined storage facility
- Power: ~150MW, supplied by 313 mile, 14" buried natural gas pipeline
- Logistics: All consumables supplied by Kuskokwim River transportation system w/ port near Jungjuk Creek

Site Layout



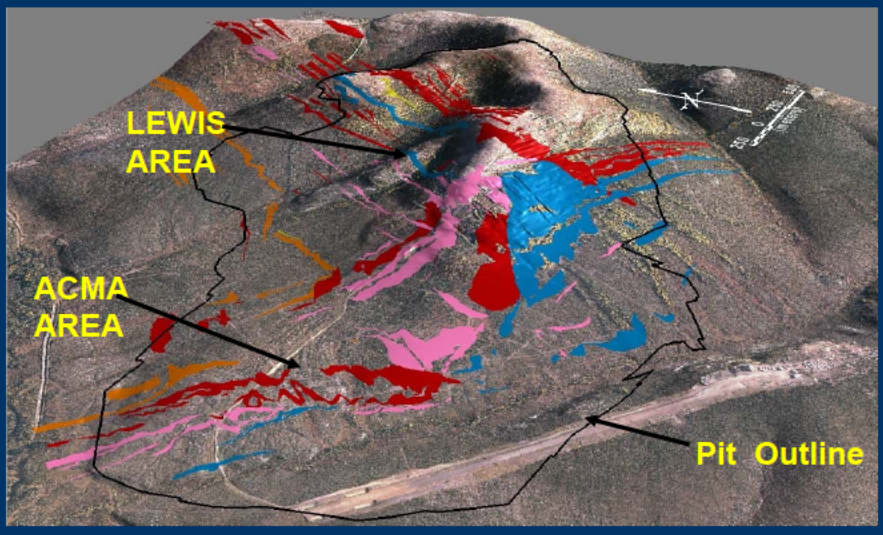
Disturbance Footprint

- Facilities Study Area (FSA)
  - Footprint ~ 10,000 acres
  - Wetland ~5,300 acres
- Pipeline Study Area (PSA)
  - Footprint ~ 6,300 acres
  - Wetland ~ 1,600 acres
- Aquatic Habitat
  - Nearly 100% direct impact to American and Anaconda creeks
  - Reduction in Crooked Creek streamflow ~2-25%
  - Total temporary/permanent linear stream impacts ~75 miles

Economic Impacts

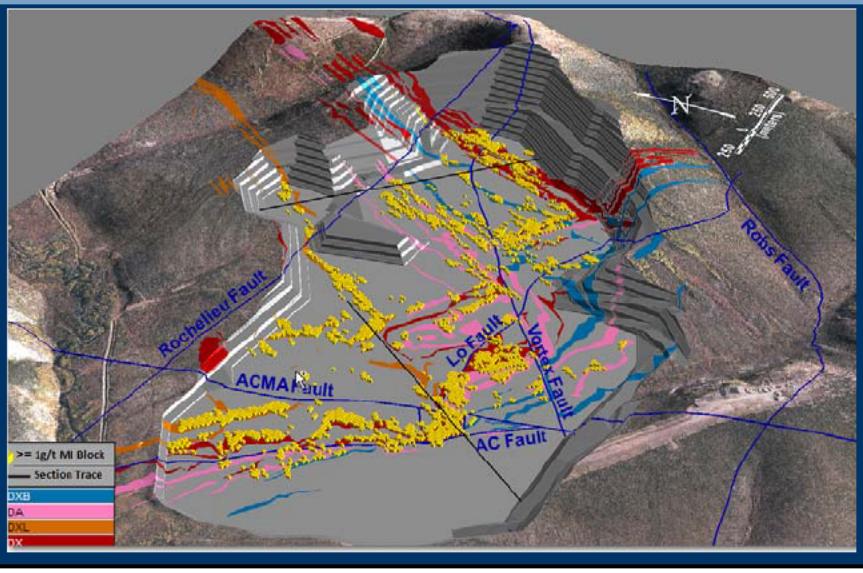
- Construction Phase (3 years)
  - Major investment in regional infrastructure
  - Workforce: ~3,000
  - Payroll: > $1 billion (~$375 million/year)
- Operations (>27 years)
  - Workforce: ~ 900
  - Payroll: ~$100 million/year
  - Indirect and induced payroll: ~$60 million/year
  - Royalties to Calista, and distributed statewide through 7(i) provision of ANCSA
  - Mining license and corporate income taxes to State

Geology

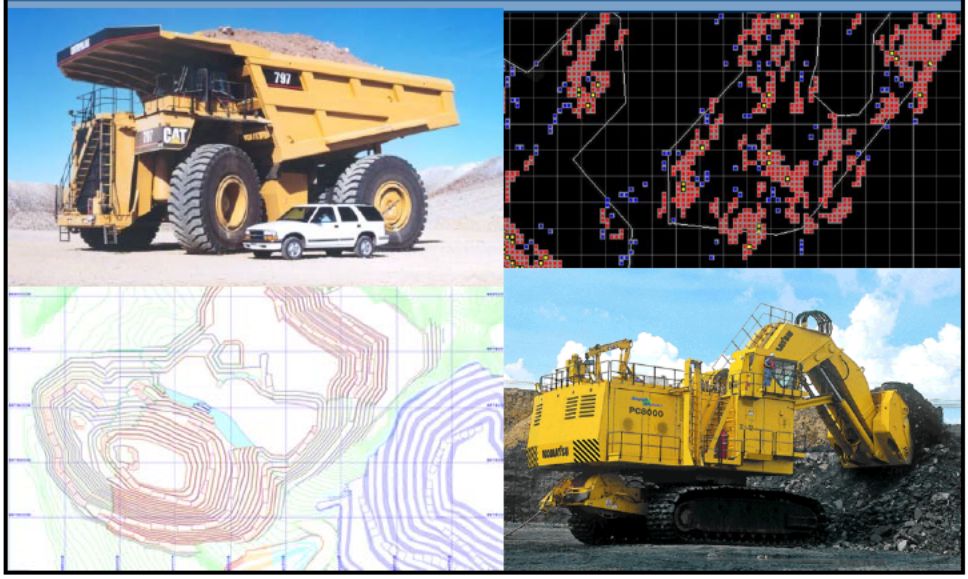


Resource

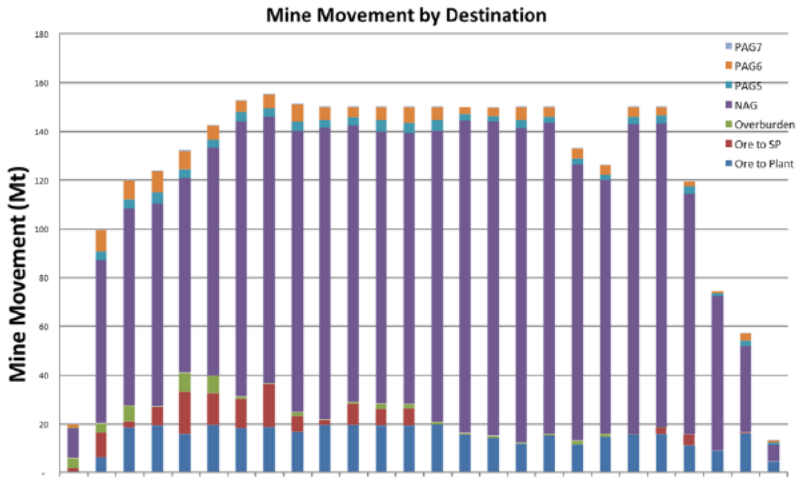
100 m bench showing +1 g/t Au blocks



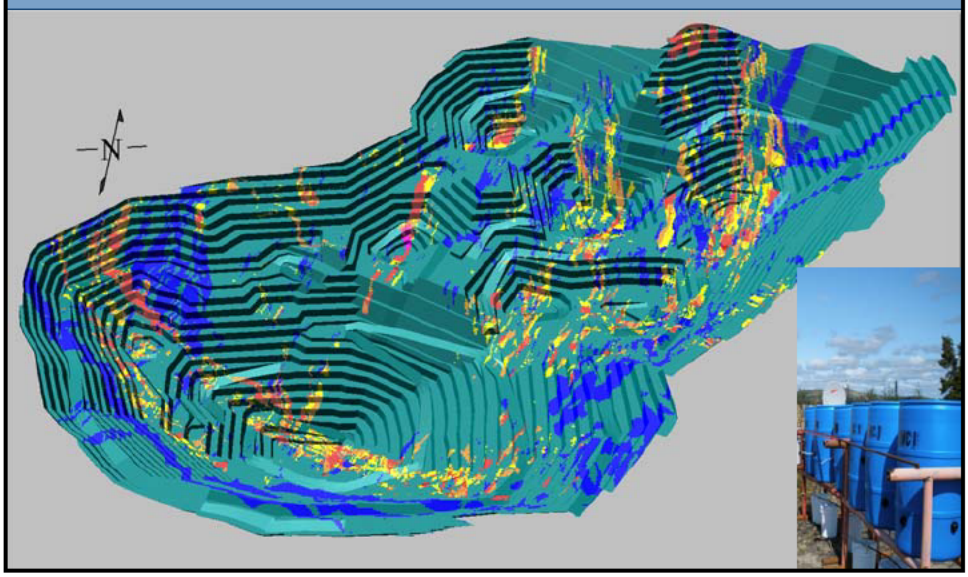
Mining



Annual Material Movement



Waste Rock Model



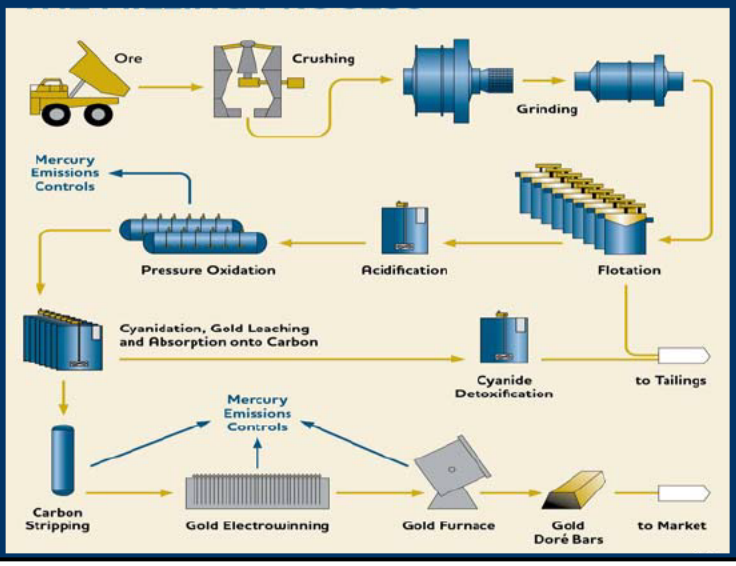
Waste Rock Classification

WRMC	Mt	%	Disposal
NAG	2,519	93	Waste Rock Facility
PAG 5	79	3	Blended in WRF
PAG 6	123	4	Isolated cells in WRF / ACMA backfill
PAG 7	2	0.1	Low-grade ore stockpile / ACMA backfill
Total	*2,723*		

Process Mineralogy

- Au in Donlin ore is all sub-microscopic
  - Disseminated in crystal structure of arsenopyrite and pyrite, hence it is refractory.
  - Not directly leachable ("refractory")
- Arsenopyrite is primary host accounting for ~80% of Au in feed.
- Pyrite, although 3-10 times more abundant than aresenopyrite, carries ~20% of the gold.

Process Flowsheet



Mill Site Layout

Mercury Abatement

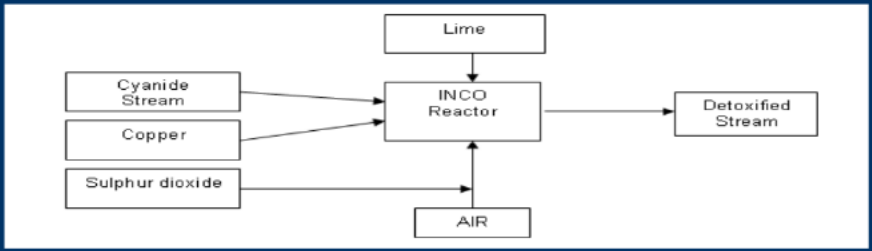
- Major focus during process design
- Expertise developed at Barrick operations in Nevada
- Mercury volatized when heated
  - Autoclave, Carbon Regeneration Kiln, Smelter, Electro-winning Circuit, Retort
- Control design elements
  - Gas quenching
  - Particulate removal
  - Refrigeration
  - Carbon beds

Cyanidation Control

- Process Design and Handling Systems conform to the International Cyanide Management Code (ICMC).
  - Voluntary initiative for cyanide management.
  - Minimize personnel & environmental exposure through design and application of physical & automated control
- Includes:
  - HCN Monitoring (gaseous)
  - Covered leach tanks, operating under partial vacuum (surface) reporting to dedicated gas scrubbing
  - Tan theta design principle for slurry spillage
  - Minimum of two physical spillage control systems
  - Specially designed Iso-tainers
  - Detoxification of residual cyanide in tailings.

Cyanide Detoxification

- INCO Air/SO2 cyanide detoxification pre-treatment of the CIL tailings is completed before going to tailings storage facility
- Well known, well tested process



Water Management

- Objectives
  - No discharge of process water during operations
  - Ensure sufficient supply of water during operation
  - Minimize amount of water that has to be treated
- Components
  - Precipitation ~20 in/year
  - American and Anaconda watersheds ~ 7 mi^2 each
  - All contact water captured, used, or stored onsite
  - Discharge of treated dewatering water

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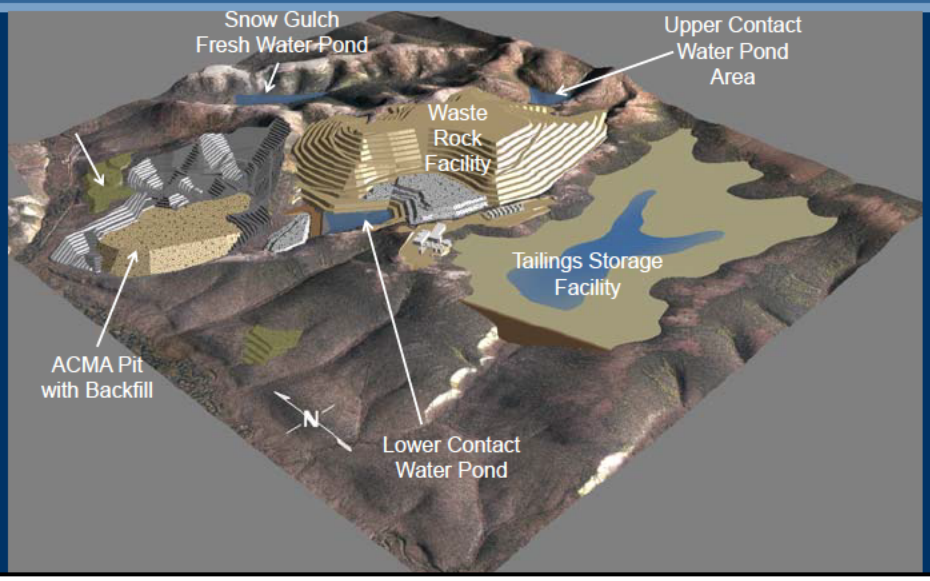
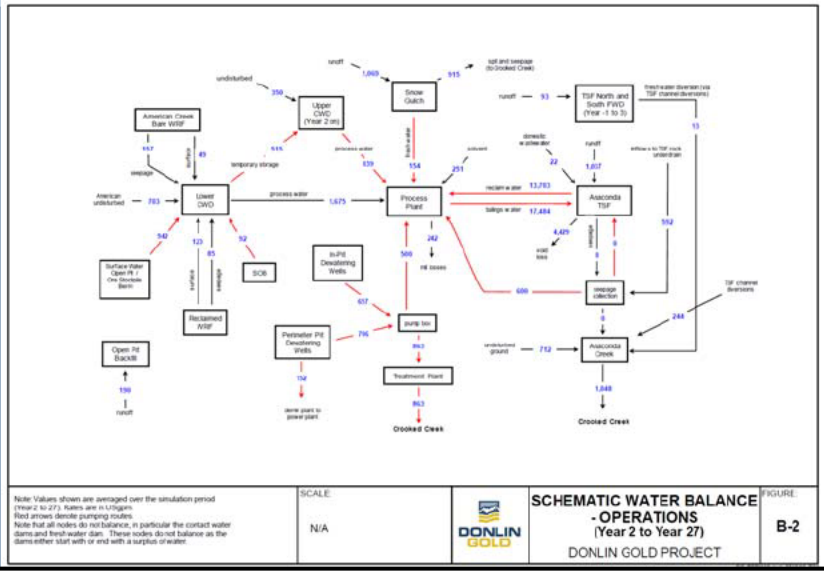
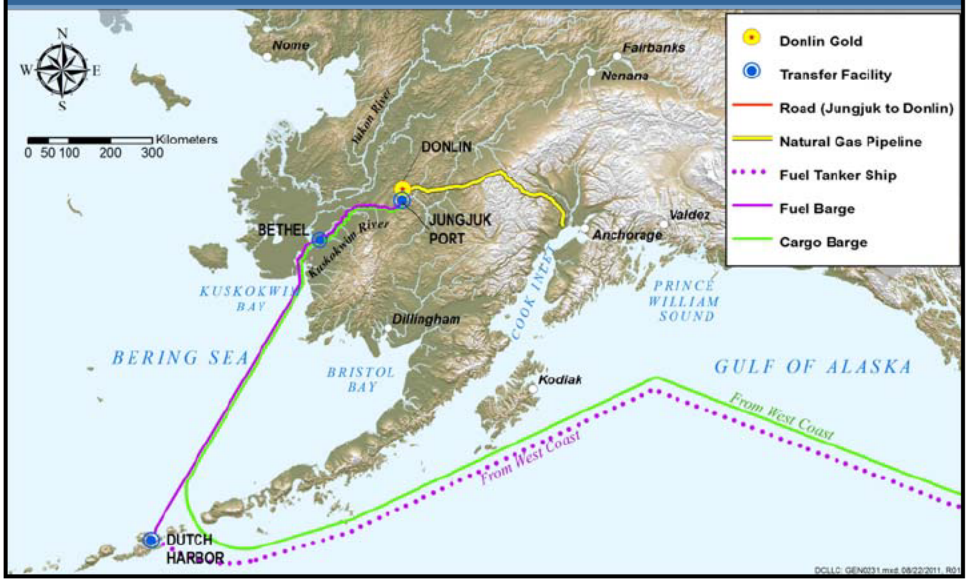


Water Balance

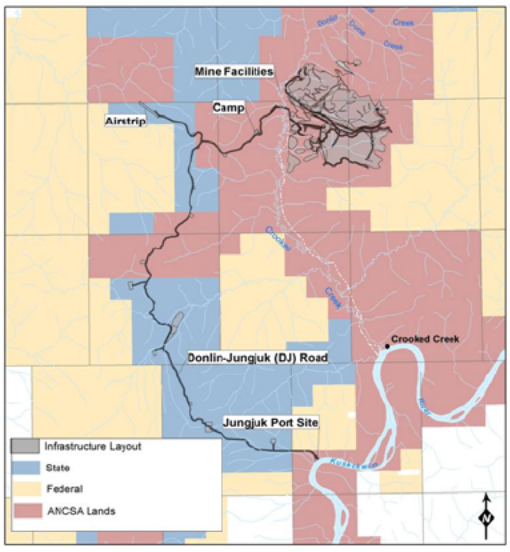


Logistics & Supply Chain



Access & Infrastructure

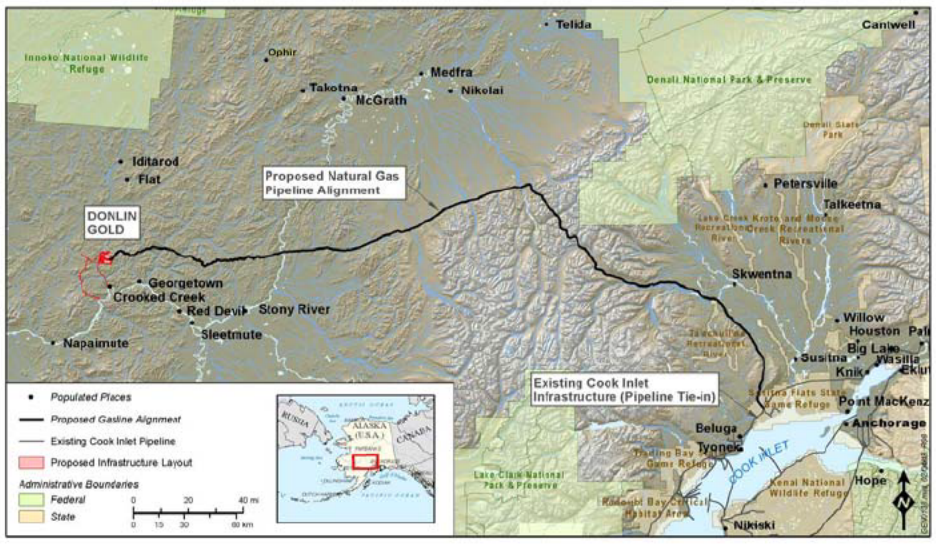
- 27 mile road
- 5000 foot runway
- two port facilities
- 600 bed permanent camp
- 2500 bed construction camp
- ~40 million gallon diesel storage



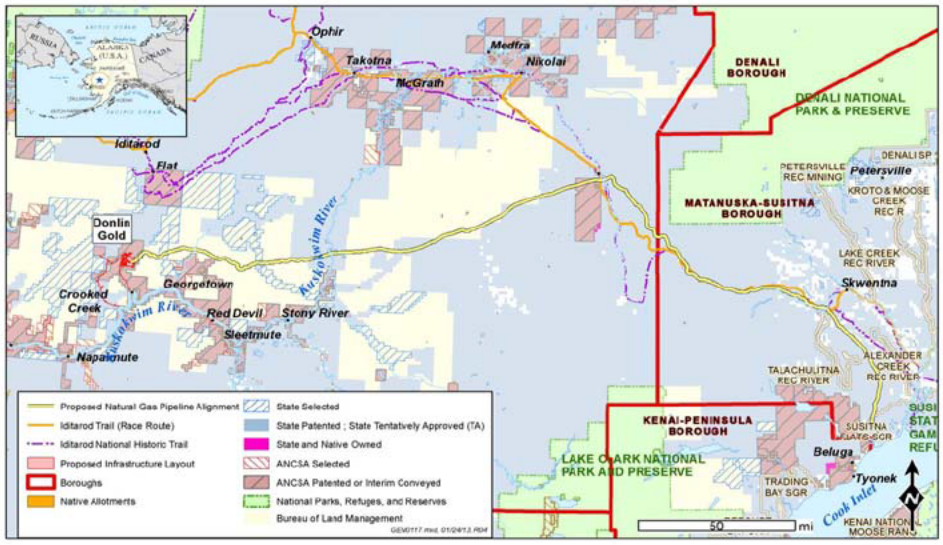
Gas Pipeline

- Description
  - 313 mile, buried, 14" steel pipeline
  - ~70 mmscfd capacity
  - 1,480 psig max allowable operating pressure
- Land Status
  - ~56% State, ~34% BLM, ~10% ANCSA/Private
- Facilities
  - Single compressor station
  - Pig-launching/receiving stations (start, middle, end)
  - ~19 block valves
  - Cathodic protection, leak protection, and SCADA system
- Construction
  - 2 construction spreads, each with 3-4 sections
  - Construction period over 2 winters and 2-3 summers
  - Season for each section based on terrain and geotechnical conditions

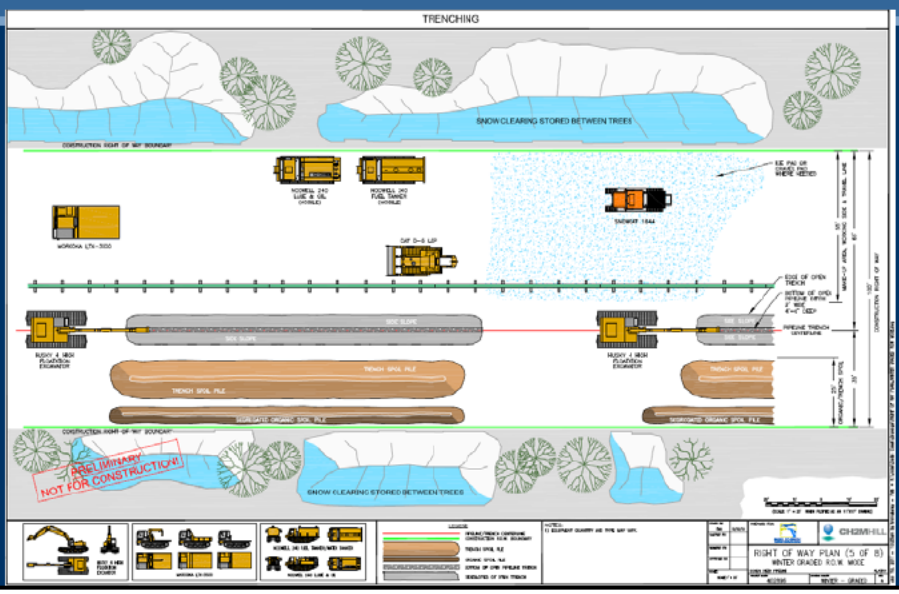
Natural Gas Pipeline Route



Pipeline Land Status



Trenching Typical



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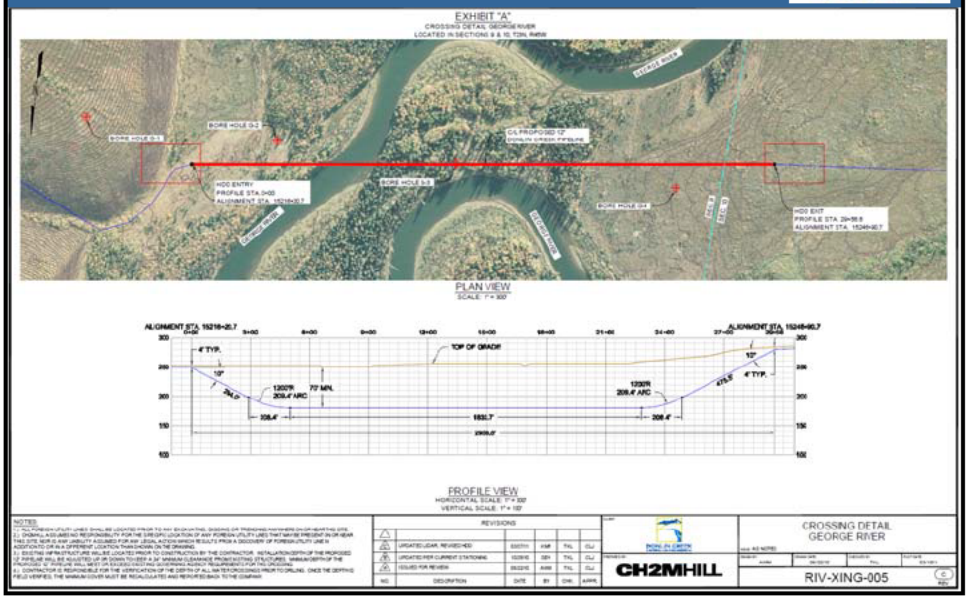
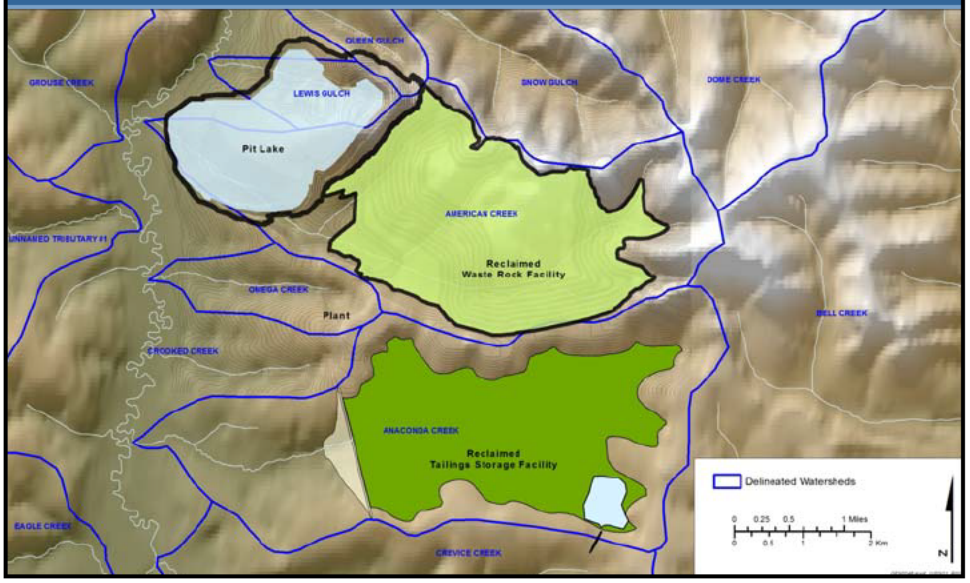


Reclamation & Closure

- "Design for Closure"
  - Minimize footprint
  - Maximize concurrent reclamation
  - Manage waste rock and tailings facilities for long-term stability
  - Minimize accumulation of water in facilities
- Closure Features
  - Dry closure of tailings facility
  - Removal of all process facilities
  - All contact water reports to pit lake
  - Plan for long-term treatment

Design for Closure



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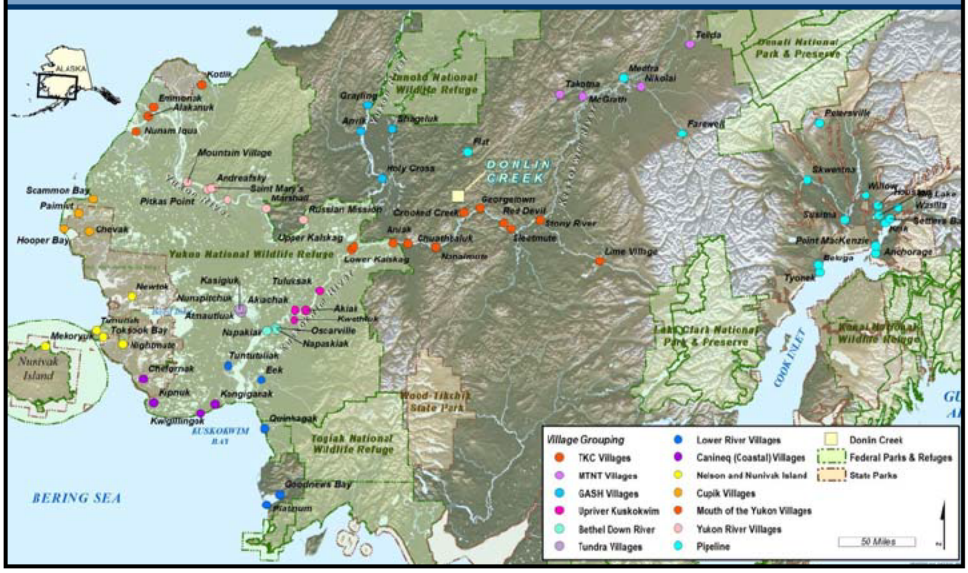
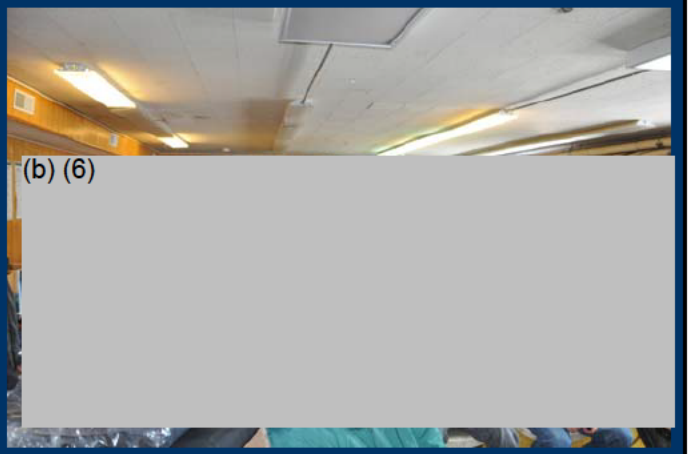


Stakeholders

- Villages
- Tribes
- Schools
- Interest groups
- Individuals
- Governments
- Native Corporations



Community Engagement

- Stakeholder Dialogue
  - Village meetings, project site and mine tours
- Workforce Development
  - Jobs, training, and capacity building
- Communications
  - Monthly newsletter, website, social media
- Community Investment
  - cultural preservation, environmental protection, community wellness, education
  - community capacity building and sustainability

Questions?